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Photo by Matthew Deerosiers

Hundreds of people gathered for the Minden Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 24. For more pictures see page 20.

Highland Street work behind schedule

By Will Jones

Construction work on Highland Street in Haliburton Village has fallen behind schedule.

Currently about two weeks late, contractors are now battling against the onset of winter to complete laying the sidewalks before packing up their tool bags for the year.

News of the delay was broken at the Dysart et al council meeting on Nov. 26.

"I would have envisaged being complete by mid-November, so we are about 14 days behind the projected schedule," said Brian Nicholson, director of public works. "We are still moving forward though."

Asked why he thought the project has run on longer than forecast, Nicholson cited the recent snow and a period of inclement weather earlier in the fall as having some effect. "However, I don't think anyone quite factored in the amount of work required to keep the street clean and tidy during the

works, and the challenges the contractor has had in ensuring good traffic flow and pedestrian access to the businesses while work has gone on," he said. "We could have just ripped up the street and left a terrible mess while the work went on but the contractor has done its best to work with businesses and the public to make the experience as painless as possible and I believe it's done a good job."

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Street work will continue in the spring

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"Now what we need to do is get tidied up for winter." Nicholson went on to explain that the streetscape project was always slated to be completed in spring 2013.

"The landscaping was always scheduled to go ahead then. Now, we'll also have to finish the sidewalks – adding sand to the bricks and adjusting them to counteract the effects of the

frost – when the weather gets better next year."

Good news for the municipality is that the streetscape works were awarded for a contract price and so the current delays will not impact it financially.

"No, there'll be no extra costs due to the delays," said Nicholson. "It was a contract price and working in spring 2013 was always something we envisaged doing."



By Matthew Desrosiers

Subaru hosts winter driving course

Now that snow is on the ground, driving the county's roads has become a bit more treacherous.

That's why 39 women gathered at Minden Subaru on Nov. 21 to learn how to drive safely in winter conditions.

Ethel Muli, co-owner, said the event was well-attended.

"We had a phenomenal turnout," she said. "It was a good evening." Doug Forbes, an accomplished Minden ice racer, made a presentation to the group on winter driving. The women learned how to deal with certain conditions, what precautions to take on the road, and things they should have stored in their vehicle before hitting the highway.

Participation was by donation to the Minden Food Bank. Muli said they collected approximately 28 bags of non-perishable groceries.



Photos submitted by Ethel Muli

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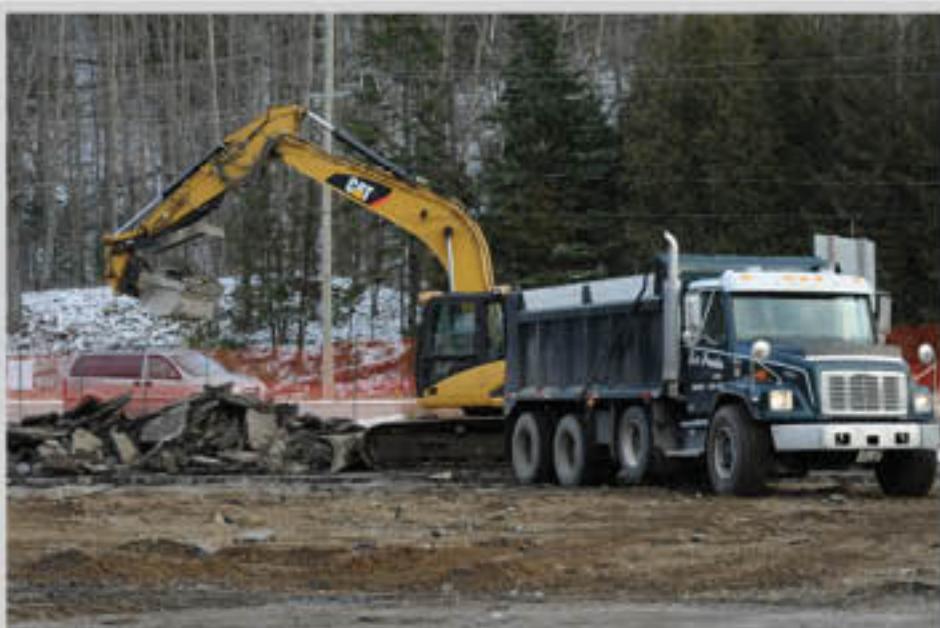
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Highlander news



By Mark Arke

Work begins at Dairy Queen site In Minden

Construction on the site of Minden's future Dairy Queen began on Nov. 27. Franchise owners Claudio Bortolussi and Gino Capozzoli were on site removing asphalt and doing other preliminary work. According to Capozzoli, excavation work is slated to begin next week. The DQ Grill and Chill restaurant is expected to open next May.

Dysart briefs

New director needed for museum

Dysart council will recruit a new director for the Haliburton Highlands Museum following the retirement of Tom Ballantine in October. The new director will be on a full-time contract basis, with an anticipated hire date of mid-February 2013. Museum curator Steve Hill has been retained to run the museum during the winter months. The council will be placing advertisements for applications in the media and on its website in early January.

Dysart to apply for video cash

Dysart council will apply to the 2013 Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) Local Initiatives Program for funding to produce six short promotional videos as part of its ongoing partnership with Highlands Media. A business development video has already been made using 2012 funding and the Housing department is producing one using committee funds. Each video costs approximately \$1,400 to make. Funding would cover up to 90 per cent of the costs.

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Editorial opinion

Arena meltdown

Ice is a hot topic in Minden these days.

Summer ice, that is.

Some residents are crying foul over a recent staff recommendation to cancel summer ice programs. The suggestion was made in order to preserve S.G. Nesbitt Memorial arena.

Citing a report from last year that states the arena is stressed to its limit trying to maintain ice in the summer, council is trying to save some potentially expensive repair bills by shutting it down during the 'off-season'.

Earlier this year, Haliburton Village suffered a major blow when a burst pipe forced the municipality to shut down its arena for immediate repair and renovations. Minden is trying to avoid that same scenario.

What residents are saying is that the arena is used by hockey schools and players to develop skills over the summer and keep them sharp heading into the following hockey season.

According to the report, in 2011 summer ice programs and rentals brought in \$32,000 of revenue. It cost the municipality \$15,000 to maintain the pad during that time, resulting in a \$17,000 contribution to municipal coffers.

That same report, however, describes equipment upgrades of \$80,000 for a backup generator (a precaution to keep the ice from melting in the summer in case of a power outage), and lists certain flaws in the arena that could lead to drastic problems going forward.

The floor, for example, allows frost to build up beneath the ice. That's an issue that can have devastating effects on the concrete pad of the arena.

Ask the Municipality of Dysart et al how much fun it is replacing one of those.

While the arena is getting old anyway and certain repairs and renovations are

expected in the next five to 10 years, careful planning could extend its lifespan, giving council time to properly plan and budget accordingly.

So what are the real drawbacks of being careful and cancelling the summer ice programs?

Losing \$17,000 in revenue could hurt, but then again, a \$1.5 million repair bill would hurt a bit more. And even if the arena does hold out, the cost of necessary equipment upgrades to the facility would take a decade to pay back. The arena, already over 50 years old, might not have that much time left.

While kids won't be able to work on their hockey skills in Minden, the truth is, the impact there is rather minimal. Haliburton's arena will be designed to handle the unique challenges associated with maintaining summer ice. As both the Minden and Haliburton arenas were only booked 50 per cent of the time this past summer, it's expected that these skaters will be able to find a home.

It's convenient to have an arena in Minden that operates year-round, but there comes a time when convenience has to give way to practicality. At this point, with the associated costs and risks involved with summer ice at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial arena, it just makes sense to shut it down for the summer months.

But council can't sit back and think its job is done. This is a sign the arena's days are numbered, and council can go a long way to satisfying the masses if they get proactive and start planning for renovations now.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Photo of the week



Photo by Karen Sloan

Highlander staff gear up for the holiday season.

Full tilt

Just then they came in sight of thirty or forty windmills that rise from that plain. And no sooner did Don Quixote see them than he said to his squire, "Fortune is guiding our affairs better than we ourselves could have wished. Do you see over yonder, friend Sancho, thirty or forty hulking giants? I intend to do battle with them and slay them. With their spoils we shall begin to be rich for this is a righteous war and the removal of so foul a brood from off the face of the earth is a service God will bless."

"What giants?" asked Sancho Panza.

"Those you see over there," replied his master, "with their long arms. Some of them have arms well nigh two leagues in length."

"Take care, sir," cried Sancho. "Those over there are not giants but windmills. Those things that seem to be their arms are sails which, when they are whirled around by the wind, turn the millstone."

Don Quixote, by Miguel de Cervantes

past and yes, they may serve some use, for example keeping sick teachers away from students, but most Ontarians do not believe them to be reasonable or affordable for the taxpayers who finance them.

That's why the teachers are finding no truck with their far more legitimate beef against Bill 115, the cynically-named Putting Students First Act, which allows the minister of education to unilaterally change contract terms as the government sees fit. The unions are taking the province to court in an attempt to have the Act declared unconstitutional, as it may well be. Court is absolutely the right place to hold this dispute and get some clarity on the rights of workers to associate and bargain collectively.

The wrong place, however, is in our schools. Not because teachers should never strike (or work to rule) but because protest in this case cannot possibly achieve their demands; it is unquestionably futile, because overturning the Act would require recalling the legislature, something that will never happen until the Liberals have selected a new premier. Even then, the threat of a non-confidence vote may delay a recall further, until after the next election. The earliest possible date for that is next spring. Before that, the teachers are fighting a government that isn't there.

Our teachers have a strong point with their objections over Bill 115. But wise generals choose their moments for battle, which in this case must be either in the courts or when the legislature resumes. Instead, the union is mounting an emotionally-driven campaign against a prorogued legislature that can do nothing about its chief demand. While the emotion may be justified, particularly considering why austerity measures have become necessary, they are serving their members poorly, making the effort look like a quixotic tantrum, a knee-jerk reaction to being dissed. It's a losing proposition for the teachers, and of course for the students. That the school boards have responded with provocative (and ridiculous) language about lock-outs and student safety is not really relevant.

Ontarians have won several battles against real windmills in recent years — beating imaginary ones may be a lot more difficult.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Re: Stanhope airport a business opportunity

Dear editor,

Mr. Heise suggests that if you are anti-airport runway expansion you are part of a "special interest group". I want to thank him for finally defining just what the beleaguered taxpayer actually is.

For the last 30 years I worked in the business of the movement of goods. It has become a very high-tech, specialized business commonly known as "third party logistics" developed to get goods to market efficiently and on time. I once sat with the president of the Canadian division of a multinational company. He remarked that they spent an excess amount of unproductive time on the movement of goods. He felt that time spent took away from their core strength of consumer products. He eliminated the problem with a "third party logistics" provider.

I would suggest that Mr. Heise employ that advice and concentrate on his core business. There are lots of 4,000-foot runways, some very close and underutilized as well as specialists to get products to those facilities. I have seen many unusual shipping arrangements over the years but never a purchaser telling a manufacturer that they had to build a 4,000-ft runway to the back door. I would suggest this is not realistic and simply does not happen. Additionally I do not see any long-term commitment offered from Mr. Heise to compensate the township for use of the airport.

So whatever commitment there is there is only one thing that is certain. The taxpayers of Algonquin Highlands will be responsible for the upkeep. Those costs in the future will likely result in the airport being closed or bankrupting the township. Federal and provincial taxpayer money would be used for expansion however Mr. Heise conveniently fails to mention that the township is also committed to a third of the cost. This facility has never made money and in my opinion those who use it do not pay their fair share. Parents with children in organized sports would love to have the financial arrangement the flying community has.

I understand that this "special interest group" apparently cannot please Mr. Heise and his group with just the acceptance of a well-maintained recreational airport. Therefore I would like to make a suggestion to the township based on the "Request for Proposals" concerning the airport. If the business community cannot accept the facility for what it is, just simply close it.

Murray Adam
Algonquin Highlands

TheOutsider

What with gift-giving season just around the corner, folk are beginning to think about what their loved ones, friends and colleagues would appreciate most in a present.

I got to thinking about this too. Not because I'm gearing up for Christmas. No, this Grinch steadfastly ignores it until the very last moment, which is difficult with Little Z pulling at my shirt tails. I was stirred to consider the giving of gifts because I have been given two rather unusual ones in the past couple of weeks.

First came a token of appreciation from friends at the hunt camp. After spending two days with the hunters and helping to drag the odd deer out of the bush, I was happy with a rum and coke as a send-off but that wasn't all I got. As I made for the exit a rugged hand shot out holding a bloodstained carrier [chk] bag. Tentatively, I peered in and lying at the bottom were two venison hearts.

I dropped the bag and ran to my truck, the horrific sight of the contents of the bag imprinted upon my brain, the ringing of maniacal hunters' laughter in my ears. The horror!

OK, I lied about that last bit. But being presented with animals' internal organs is not the average person's idea of a pleasant present. Good thing my hunting buddies knew I like to experiment in the kitchen and would find good use for these bloody but tasty treats.

Strange gifts are not confined to the hunt camp, though. I

Minden arena not built for summer ice

Dear editor,

This is in response to concerns expressed in last week's edition about summer ice at the Minden arena.

Maintaining summer ice in an arena not designed for summer ice is a high-risk decision. This past summer, the pipes under the floor of the Dysart arena broke due to contraction of the super-cooled concrete ice pad. The entire arena floor needed to be removed, excavated and the pipes replaced at a cost of over \$1.5 million. The newly renovated Dysart arena will have a "warm floor" which will enable them to keep ice in all summer with minimal risk to the facility. The Minden arena is approximately the same age as the Dysart arena and doesn't have a "warm floor". Late last year, arena staff brought to our attention the risks of summer ice which include mould (removal of which is extremely expensive), the need for equipment investment (\$152,000) and a possible underground pipe failure (which happened only months later in Dysart).

Maintaining summer ice in an arena not designed for summer ice is also a very expensive decision. The energy costs to keep the building cool and the ice intact during the summer are very high, especially this past summer when it was so hot. We were advised by staff that we should be investing in a back-up generator (\$80,000) in case the primary generator failed which would result in an ice surface melt-down, dehumidifiers (\$50,000) to help prevent mould and a new ice controller system (\$22,000). So to generate \$18,000 a year in net profit from summer ice, we need to invest \$152,000. And, by the way, none of that new equipment

eliminates the risk of the underground pipes bursting.

Based on feedback from Dysart, we understand each municipality booked only 50 per cent of the available time at our respective arenas during the summer, yet both had to absorb full costs to maintain summer ice. Given that, it makes sense for Dysart to be the home of summer ice in the county as they will have an arena that can provide summer ice without risk to arena infrastructure and generate more revenue to offset high operating costs. Minden Hills can pursue other rental opportunities for our arena in the summer including ball hockey, pickle ball, roller derby, concerts and events.

Minden has enjoyed much economic success over the past two years including Canadian Tire and a major expansion and renovation at Pharmasave. We have several new businesses in town and a business relocation from another community reports significantly increased sales. We have a new snowmobile trail through town that has the potential to bring more winter visitors. We'll have a Dairy Queen store next spring. We have unique and marketable assets in our Riverwalk/Boardwalk and we will be reaching out to regional communities in 2013 in an effort to attract more visitors to these attractions. We are working on housing strategies to attract more permanent residents.

We have a bright future but need to be mindful that taxpayers expect us to look at the whole picture and that means evaluating the potential for economic gain against operational risk.

Barb Reid
Reeve, Township of Minden Hills

Progress must come

Dear editor,

I have been following the letters back and forth, in favour and not, for the expansion of the Stanhope Airport. Headline, regardless of their requirements, has a point. An additional runway would be a step forward in attracting business to Haliburton.

There are those in this county whose mission it is to stand in the way of any progress or expansion of the area. They want the sleepy little town and surrounding areas to stay just the way they have been for years. Some don't like the cottagers and are glad to see them go back to the city in the fall. They don't like change. Unfortunately they are going to see change, whether they like it or not. But if they continue to stand in the way, they will see change for the worse, not better. Things

will no longer be the same.

For businesses to survive here, they must have customers year-round. Many have failed. Declining revenue, ridiculously high rent, no money for expansion or innovation. People are leaving the area, no jobs, no income, low pay if they do find one of the few jobs available. Real estate is down. We need councils interested in bringing in major business to Haliburton County. A runway, tax breaks for businesses, and a concerted effort of scouts hired by the county would go a long way to keeping our talent here and working. Now we have buried wire and an attractive street, let's bring in business to locate near it. For the naysayers, please get out of the way.

Ted Cumber
Gooderham

A heartfelt thank you

remember as a child opening a Christmas present from a very rich uncle. Peeling off the wrapping paper I was met with a box. It was a velvet-covered box, the type that jewellery comes in, but this one was about 8-inches square. My fumbling nine-year-old hands prised open the lid and there, lying on a pillow of silk, was a mutant coat hanger. I was dumbstruck.

"It's a belt loop," announced my smiling uncle. "For keeping your belts on."

The idea, it seems, was to hook the buckles of my many belts onto the circular loop and then hang the whole caboodle in my closet with my swathe of suits and racks of ties!

What was my uncle thinking? Did he assume that all small boys have such a multitude of belts that they feel the need to bring order to their collection? Had he been given one too many belt loops and thought I could use his cast off? I'll never know the answer because, as mentioned, I was dumbstruck.

Now, they say lightning never strikes twice and no, I wasn't gifted another belt loop. But I was presented with a similarly unusual present many years later; a present that left me just as speechless.

On being made redundant from my first magazine writing job, my soon to be ex-colleagues took it upon themselves to buy me a gift. These folk worked with me on a design

magazine and we wrote about all kinds of crazy gadgets, arty stuff and great gift-like items: loads of things I thought were really cool.

They bought me a pan rest. A squiggly formed plywood ring, designed to sit hot pans so as not to burn the table.



By Will Jones

My jaw dropped. I think I meant to say something but no sound came out. I stared for perhaps a moment too long then lifted my glass and announced, "CHEERS!"

And finally, back to Haliburton. On visiting the newspaper office last week, there on the doorstep was a gift for me. There was no note and no one had witnessed who deposited the box. How did my colleagues at the Highlander know the gift was for me? Because the box contained an arrangement of bird feathers, plus two animal skulls.

It seems that no other journalist had written about such items recently, and so, unless this was some sort of Godfather-esque horse-head-in-the-bed type threat, the box was for the Englishman.

Thank you, mystery donor of animal parts. This gift is unusual to say the least but it is eminently more appreciated than a belt loop or pan rest. And yes, before anyone asks, Little Z thinks it's great. Santa has got some serious thinking to do if he's to surprise my boy!

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: Do you think cancelling summer ice in Minden is a good idea?



Bill Robinson

Minden

I am torn. I do not know if it is right or wrong. If it is to save money for the municipality then it is a good thing. If it doesn't then it is wrong.



Deanna Cooper

Minden

Well, I am not a hockey player and it is a shame if there is no summer skating. We have been very involved in hockey. The kids can use all the help they can get to keep them busy.

Pearl Cowen

Minden

I don't think that they should cancel the ice for the summer. It gives the kids something to do. But if they cannot afford it... who knows?



Sheana Alore

Minden

When you cancel the ice you lose all the hockey schools and that brings a lot of people into town which generates more dollars for local business.

Andy Rickard

Miners Bay

I feel that we had best upgrade the system so we do not end up with a mess such as what Haliburton is experiencing right now.



THE PHONEBOOK PROJECT: GOODIN

By Mark Arike

Larry Goodin travelled well over a million miles in his 13-year career as a tractor-trailer driver. Of all the jobs he's held, it's the one that has left him with long-lasting memories and countless stories to tell.

"That was probably the best job I ever had," said Goodin, a 64-year-old who lives south of Guelph with his wife Val. "It was like being paid to go places."

Goodin calls himself a third-generation trucker. His father, both grandfathers and two brothers all worked in the industry.

"It's one of those things that just came natural," he said.

Goodin got behind the wheel long before he was of the legal age to do so. He remembers driving a pick-up at the age of nine and operating a five-ton truck without a license when he was 11.

"There weren't any police around," he laughed, explaining that his father placed wooden blocks on the clutch and brake so he could reach them.

During his professional trucking career, Goodin worked for the American company Schneider National. He transported everything from paper to paper towels to mink pelts.

"They had 36,000 trucks," he recalled. "They're the biggest trucking company in the States. They were as organized as the military and they were extremely safety-conscious."

The company was also very accommodating, allowing Goodin and his wife to visit their oldest daughter and son-in-law while on a work trip.

His travels have taken him all over North America, from "one coast to the other."

"I've probably been to 45 states."

His favourite long hauls were the ones when his wife came along for the ride. A

trip that stands out in both of their minds was one that placed them in Kinsale, Virginia.

"We went from North Carolina to Covington, Virginia to pick up a load to come back to Canada. They said that load has already left so go to Kinsale."

Goodin's objective was to pick up chip pallets. But when they arrived, he was informed that the plant had been closed for two weeks. He asked if he could leave the trailer there while him and his wife went to search for a bite to eat.

They ended up traveling approximately 30 miles to what Goodin considers "the best buffet" he's ever had in his life.

"It was right on the ocean," recalled Val. "You could look out and see all the huge boats and yachts come in. It was just incredible."

Before they entered the seafood restaurant, Goodin had parked the truck in between several high-end vehicles such as Mercedes and BMWs. When they exited the restaurant, someone was taking pictures of the truck.

"I thought someone had hit the truck. I asked, 'Is something wrong?' He said, 'No, we've never had a truck in here before.'"

Other sites on his travels – such as seeing mountain goats in Montana – made trucking a career worth remembering.

"It was interesting," he said. "I loved that job."

In 2005 he had to give up the profession because he had developed glaucoma, an eye disorder that causes impaired vision.

"I can remember the last day on the job. I was heading back to Montreal from South Carolina and I realized that I had glaucoma. I had to let them know that I had to retire – and it was sad."

Originally from Scotstown, Que., Goodin also had several other interesting experiences in his life. In 1966 he joined



Photo by Mark Arike

Larry Goodin fondly remembers his days on the road.

the air force in Saint-Jean, Que. He went on to have two postings in Germany – one in Lahr and the other in Baden-Baden. He worked with the Canadian Armed Forces for 25 years and ran his own golf pro shop for three years.

Goodin and his wife were introduced to the Highlands in 1972 when they bought a Samoyed in Minden.

"When we couldn't find the cottage we wanted we said, 'Let's go to Minden,'" he said.

In 2000, they ended up buying a property on the Drag River with two cottages on it. The couple eventually built a main building, which they now call home.

For the past six years, Goodin has spent his summers working at the Pinestone Resort as a member of the grounds crew.

He gets up at 3 a.m. for his 4 a.m. shift, which has him watering the golf course.

"I've always liked golfing, but I like being outdoors," he said. "I just have to keep busy."

Goodin enjoys living in the Highlands and is grateful to know good people.

"I thoroughly enjoy the people up here," he said, adding that his neighbours, John Teljeur and Doug Holmes, have always been there when he's needed a helping hand.

During the winter season, Goodin and his wife curl on Friday nights in a business league in Haliburton. They recently purchased a trailer and travel whenever they can.

The couple has two daughters and five grandchildren.



Because everyone has a story.

Every two weeks, for a year, we're interviewing a Highlander at random from the phonebook, starting with A.

Highlander arts

HIGHLANDS TALENT COMES HOME

By Mark Arke

Kate Campbell is coming home for the holidays and Haliburton audiences will be fortunate enough to see her back up on the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion stage.

"It's something that I wanted to do for a while," said Campbell, who will be performing with The Nick Mancini Trio in a benefit concert on Dec. 17. "I woke up in October and said it's happening."

For the past four years, Campbell has been living and working in Los Angeles. However, this talented singer and actress got her start in the Haliburton Highlands.

"I love my home," said Campbell. "It's nice that there's still support there. I feel really lucky."

The blonde, blue-eyed 31-year-old grew up on Soyers Lake and got her first taste of the stage at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. She starred in productions put on by the Highlands Summer Festival and went on to study music theatre at Sheridan College. Her studies led to roles in television commercials for companies such as Harvey's and Chevrolet. She appeared in the television series Durham County and short films such as *The Tragic Story of Nling*.

In recent years, music has dominated her artistic career.

"It's something that I wanted to do more and more of," she said, adding that the U.S. immigration system was more forgiving to her as a singer. "It was something that brought me great joy and I deeply connected with."

Two-and-a-half years ago Campbell connected with The Martini Kings, a jazz band in L.A. She is the group's lead singer and has shot music videos with them. She also works with Mancini, the jazz vibraphonist who will be performing with her at the upcoming Haliburton show.



Photo submitted by Kate Campbell

Then there have been a few magical moments in which she has shared the stage with some household names.

"Several months ago I got to sing with Jeff Goldblum and then I did a gig with Robby Krieger of The Doors," she said.

In October, Campbell founded S.H.E. Lifts Off (Shine, Heal, Elevate), a not-for-profit organization aimed to "help educate, uplift and inspire women of all generations by examining and documenting courageous women and openly discussing their struggles and fears, and how they overcome obstacles on a daily basis in order to be free to be who they truly are."

"This world is really not set up for us [women] to succeed," said Campbell. "I just would like to explore a bit and break down some of the taboos."

Campbell's first project is a documentary that will feature women in aviation, including those who served in World War II. Her grandmother, 'Betty' Elizabeth Grepely, was a member of the Ninety-Nines Women's Pilot's Organization, which was founded in 1929 by Amelia Earhart.

"I'm very excited about it. It's a very personal journey for me and I'm very excited to speak to other women about it."

Although she can't say when the film will be out, she hopes to show it at women's shelters and schools across North America.

At every fundraising event for S.H.E., a portion of the proceeds will be donated in support of a women's shelter. Half of the proceeds from ticket sales and sponsorships for the Dec. 17 "I'll Be Home for Christmas" concert will go to the local YWCA and the Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS).

"I'm so excited to share what I've been doing for the past couple of years in music," said Campbell. "The talent with these musicians will be just mind-blowing."

Tickets for the one-night-only show are \$30 and can be purchased at Travel Plus in Haliburton and Whispers North Gallery in Minden. The concert starts at 8 p.m.

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.

HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *Up and Down* by Terry Fallis **I+I**
2. *Trust Your Eyes* by Linwood Barclay **I+I**
3. *The Perfect Hope* by Nora Roberts
4. *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce
5. *The Casual Vacancy* by J.K. Rowling

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health* by William Davis
2. *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed
3. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain
4. *Total Recall: My Unbelievably True Life Story* by Arnold Schwarzenegger
5. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton **I+I**

2012 is coming to a close and it is interesting to look back on the year and what books consistently maintained their popularity.

One of these titles is *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain which has been on our most popular non-fiction list since February.

In Quiet the author turns to research in psychology and neuroscience to illustrate the surprising ways in which introverts and extroverts differ and why dominant Western values manifested in forced collaboration can actually stand in the way of innovation.

According to this book, a least one third of everyone you know is an introvert – or are you perhaps an introvert yourself? If so, prepare to be empowered by this fascinating read. You can reserve Quiet today in print or e-book formats from the Haliburton County Public Library – a home for introverts and extroverts alike.

Library News - If you are interested in joining a book club but don't want to be bogged down by set times and locations, you'll be glad to hear that the library now has a 24/7 online book club. Visit our website for information on how to join (www.haliburtonlibrary.ca).

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Highlander technology

The Computer Guy Games for the holidays

So Christmas is just under a month away and I usually get asked what is a good game to buy someone for their computer.

Well I've listed five titles that any gamer would love to have under the tree Christmas morning. Keep in mind that these are graphic intensive games and would need a high-end system to play them.

Now that *Diablo 3* has finally delivered, playing out to a cacophony of mouse clicks and a fountain of coins, it's *Torchlight 2*'s turn to shake the foundations of the dungeon crawler. The first game was well-received by the PC community, despite its paper-thin story, and *Torchlight 2* seeks to pick up where that game left off. New to the dungeon raiding party is LAN co-op, vast overland areas and new hub towns and a revised interface.

One of *Borderlands 2*'s biggest improvements over the original is that the entire game world is now connected. If you see something in the distance, you can travel there without an intrusive loading break. But don't expect a quick ride: this game is huge. Another important upgrade is that enemies now behave in interesting ways. They won't just charge blindly at you: they'll work in teams, and some larger enemies even have the ability to 'buff' their underlings.

In *Dishonored* you play as Corvo Atano, a masked assassin who uses supernatural powers to take out his targets. He can teleport, possess people, and see through walls. But you don't have to kill anyone at all. The game's design promotes freedom and creativity, and you can solve problems without resorting to violence. It's not an

open world game, but the spaces are big enough that you can take multiple routes to objectives. You can sneak into a mansion by teleporting across rooftops, but you could have also possessed a rat and crawled up a drainpipe.

Far Cry 3 is a massive open world shooter set on a string of tropical islands in the Pacific Ocean. The stealth mechanic has been overhauled since *Far Cry 2*, and you can now silently dispatch enemies with stealth takedowns. There will also be fast travel points to teleport quickly around the islands, although you can still move seamlessly across the entire environment if you want. Ubisoft say the map will be 10 times larger than in previous installments and there'll be more detail to reward exploration.

For once, the extras bundled in with special editions of *Call of Duty: Black Ops 2* might eclipse the game itself. Those who pre-order the \$180 Prestige version will receive a ludicrous remote-controlled, flying, MQ-27 Dragonfire Drone. It's enough to make you forget about everything else this is packing: a new zombie campaign for up to eight players, branching storylines, Strike Force missions which let you command unmanned aerial vehicles, jets and robots, and an explosive plot where World War III kicks off in L.A., Yemen and Singapore.

Whatever game you choose, the hardcore gamer will be all smiles come the morning of Dec. 25.

For questions or comments, e-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca.



By David Spaxman



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Highlander community

SIRCH tackles food security

By Matthew Desrosiers

It's not cheap to eat healthy in the Highlands.

It's not easy either, especially when you live near or below the poverty line.

Daniela Pagliaro, manager of community resilience programs with SIRCH Community Services, said often families are stuck choosing between paying their bills and buying healthy groceries.

"It wasn't always this way, but it is cheaper to buy unhealthy food," she said. "Pop is cheaper than milk or juice by a lot."

At the Poverty to Possibilities forum earlier this year, it was identified that despite working full-time jobs at minimum wage, families are still struggling to make ends meet. According to a report from that forum, 12.1 per cent of children under the age of 17 live in low-income families. Families that are on social assistance spend 60 per cent of their income on non-subsidized housing, and for those who need daycare, they can expect to pay \$620 per month if they can't get it subsidized.

When faced with limited income opportunities, Haliburton has the second highest unemployment rate in Ontario, and growing expenses, healthy eating takes a backseat to affordable eating.

Pagliaro said it's an issue that can have far-reaching and cascading effects. The classic example is children who don't eat a healthy breakfast in the morning. It impacts their learning in the classroom, which hampers their education and affects their future employment opportunities.

SIRCH is attacking the issue of food security in two ways:

alleviation and capacity building or education.

The first, alleviation, is accomplished through a few of the organization's programs. As part of their Special Delivery Group for pre and post-natal mothers, and the Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) Families with Young Children Group, SIRCH provides mothers with grocery items such as bags of milk to take home. They will also provide fruit and vegetable supplements to nursing mothers.

The mothers from those groups meet weekly.

"We're helping out financially by actually giving them [food]," Pagliaro said. "We're also trying to build capacity."

Moms are introduced to new foods, taught to shop efficiently and prepare food in the most cost-effective ways. Their food skills are improved so they can go home and provide nutritious meals for their families.

SIRCH's community kitchen in Haliburton has been up and running for six years. Volunteers get together at the Haliburton United Church kitchen to make freezable meals for SIRCH group members, hospice clients and Community Care clients.

"There are Community Care clients who can't afford the low-cost of Meals on Wheels, so we provide meals for free," Pagliaro said. "That's about alleviation, and there's also the educational piece there because that's what SIRCH is about. It's a main thing of who we are, building on people's strengths."

Mothers from SIRCH's CAPC group volunteer at the community kitchen on the third Wednesday of every month. There, they help contribute and provide food for others, she said.

"It's a riot. It's tons of fun. The moms love it. They're contributing to making the meals and they're getting to take them home, too. They're helping feed other people."

Pagliaro said there is a lot of informal teaching going on from the regular volunteers to the mothers, helping develop their food skills even further.

"It's not necessarily that they don't know how to cook, but it's adding more to their repertoire."

SIRCH has recently launched a new community kitchen in Minden. The volunteers there met for their first cooking session on Nov. 22 at the community centre.

"Their first big project is going to be a turkey Christmas dinner."

SIRCH has partnered with the OEYC and Minden Food Bank, but they would like to find other community partners to help identifying people or families in need, as well as to act as a pickup location for the frozen meals.

Donations made to the SIRCH Gifts from the Heart catalogue, designated for food security, will go towards providing the ingredients and materials needed to continue alleviating food needs and educating families in the county.

SIRCH has other programs in the works, including workshops in partnership with the health unit and Abbey Gardens, and a research partnership with U-Links looking at food security models in developing countries.

For more information on SIRCH or to view the Gifts from the Heart catalogue online, visit www.sirch.on.ca.



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Highlander community

Canoe gets new captain

By Matthew Desrosiers

He may not be new around the station, but he is new to the president's chair.

Malcolm MacLean was named Canoe FM's new president at the radio station's board meeting on Nov. 22.

"I started with a one-hour on-air show, and my involvement just seemed to grow from there," MacLean said. "No matter what I did wrong, they just kept wanting me to do more of it."

In fact, MacLean has been an important piece of the puzzle at Canoe FM for the last six years. Most recently, he has spent four years on the board of directors, the last two of which were spent as vice-president. He said his biggest contribution was the development of a three-year strategic plan.

"[It has had] an absolutely huge impact on the station," MacLean said. "Between the board, staff and volunteers getting on board, we've done some really marvelous things in terms of moving [the station] forward."

Through the strategic plan, which involved volunteers and community members for input, the station created working committees to compartmentalize the work and make decision-making more efficient, he said.

The benefits of the plan include a growth in the station's volunteer recruitment and retention, and a technological improvement as well.

As the new president, MacLean is eagerly waiting to implement a new strategic plan that is currently in the works.

"That plan has got three main thrusts," he said. "One is continuing to work with volunteers, training and evaluation of our programming. We have not been great in evaluation of our own programming."

The second, he said, was the implementation of new technology. It will take the station at least another year to fully implement their new playout system and get all the volunteers trained on it.

MacLean said the third priority is focusing on Canoe FM's core business.

"We're definitely an integral part of the fabric of the community right now," he said. "We seem to have our hands in everything. I very much want to make sure that our key focus is on our core business, on broadcasting, bringing information and entertainment to the Haliburton Highlands."

As Canoe FM moves into its 10th year, MacLean is preparing a committee to plan the year's festivities and events to celebrate the anniversary. The year should help kick off what sounds like a busy term as president.

"I'm pretty ambitious," he said. "If you're not moving forward, you're moving backwards. That's the bottom line."

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SIRCH kicks off Christmas campaign

SIRCH's board of directors and staff have contributed \$710 to their Gifts from the Heart catalogue. Gena Robertson, SIRCH's executive director, said the group is putting their money where their mouth is and challenging other staff groups in the county to do the same by meeting their donation. Proceeds from Gifts from the Heart support SIRCH's various community initiatives, from hospice care to community kitchens and school programs.

Pictured above, from left: Lynn Higgs Thompson, Sarah Grozelle, Diane Johnson, Maureen Brewer, Gena Robertson, Daniela Pagliaro, Lesley English, Nancy Brownsberger and Garry Swagerman.

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Highlander sports

Midget girls score a loss

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Minden Car Quest / Canadian Tire 'BB' Midget girls hosted the Whitby Wolves Nov. 24.

After a scoreless first period the girls fell behind in the second period 2-1. Alex Litwin scored the Storm's only marker off a battle in the slot where she flipped the puck up and over the Whitby tender. The Wolves continued their aggressive and chippy play into the third period and were able to find a way to put two more markers up on the

scoreboard.

Tough loss girls but our aggressive play is improving as we continue to take on these older and deeper squads in our Midget loop.

The Storm Midget girls host Leaside in Minden this Friday, Nov. 30 at 8:30 p.m. and then hit the road and travel to Kingston to take on the Ice Kats Saturday night.

We would like to thank everyone for coming out last night to our all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner at That Place in Camarvon. Thank you for your support.

Storm Peewee A's victorious

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Smolen Dentistry's Highland Storm Peewee A's avenged two earlier losses this season to beat both South Muskoka and Huntsville this past weekend. Both were hard-fought games against very good teams but nothing was going to deter our boys from beating them this time around.

It started with a Thursday night tilt in Minden against South Muskoka.

The Storm had appeared flat in a loss two weeks ago but looked the exact opposite on this night. It was a tight first period until our newest acquisition, Owen "Smitty" Smith made his presence known with a deft inside out move on their defenseman and then over to Ben Schmidt for a wide open touch. Nik Dollo made a nice pass across the crease to Josh Boice who scored several minutes later and then Smith beat the South Muskoka goalie in a race for the puck to slide in the third Storm goal.

Two of our regulars were unable to play so we were forced to play with only three defensemen but Jacob Haedicke, Carter O'Neill and Shawn Walker were rock solid

on 'D' throughout the weekend. South Muskoka were unable to create any offense. It's unfortunate that Parker Smolen's shut-out bid was lost with only five seconds left in the game as South Muskoka were able to roll one over his shoulder for their one and only goal.

On Saturday, Huntsville seemed prepared to better our boys if not for an incredibly strong third period from the Storm.

Huntsville took control early with two goals in the first period and then traded two goals each on tallies by Schmidt and Boice to make it 4-2 Huntsville going into the third. Whatever coach Barry Boice said to the boys between periods definitely made an impact, because the squad came alive in the third, scoring four unanswered goals and dominating in every facet. Josh Bellefleur made some great saves to steady the unit's offense. Devyn Prentice scored twice and highlight-reel goals were credited to Boice and Smith to make it a 6-4 final.

The boys play South Muskoka again in Wilberforce tonight in what promises to be a great game before heading to a tournament in Campbellford on the weekend.

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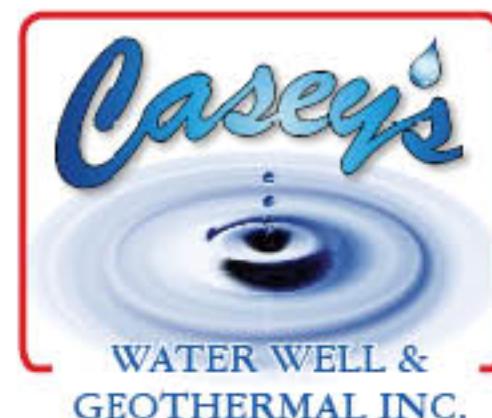
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Snowmobiler sleds fast and furious

By Warren Riley

The green flag is high in the air. Your heart is pounding out of control and the adrenaline is being pumped frantically through every vein of your body. Seconds seem like hours.

Then the flag drops.

Throttles are opened wide and the machine comes to life with a deafening roar. The ultimate in snowmobile racing has begun.

This is the world that 13-year-old Izac Reid of Minden lives for. Being in control of a quarter-ton high performance machine is natural for Reid. His inventory includes not one but two snowmobiles: a 2009 Polaris IQ 550 Shift and a 2010 Polaris IQ R.

Reid has ridden snowmobiles, quads and dirt bikes since he was four years old and has crafted his unique abilities over the years to compete professionally as a member in the Canadian Snowcross Racing Association (CSRA) race circuits.

Fortunately for this young professional, Reid has his own racing track at home complete with hills, fast corners and straightaways.

"I'm lucky to have my own track in the backyard," said Reid. "It's very well-used."

Having your own pit crew is an integral part of professional snowmobiling and Reid relies on his Father Tim, Mother Paula, Sister Brooke and mechanic Tim George to help transport and maintain the snowmobiles at their peak performance.

"It's nice to have your family with you all the time and at every event," Reid commented. "With my parents and

family's help, it was a great feeling to place in the top three and be a competitive contender throughout last season."

Reid and his family travel a lot due to circuit demands. This season they will journey to Kitchener and Rouyn Noranda in Quebec, and many cities in between. At times the family will bunk in one of the trailers due to lodge constraints but that is all part of the fun and family life.

"My family supports me and I love having them with me."

The most memorable event for Reid was winning a race for his Grandfather who was in attendance and incapacitated in a wheelchair.

"I wanted to win for him but at the start of the race, my machine stalled.

I restarted it and had no idea what position I was in. I just kept racing and passing other racers. It wasn't until the very end that I realized I had won the race. That made me very happy, especially for my Grandfather."

There are three classes that Izac races; Novice 2, Junior 1 and Junior F2. He has received plaques for one first place, three second place and one third place finishes in the Novice 2 class.

"My number-one goal is to try and win a top three position in the Triple Crown Series."

Reid doesn't ride the machine, he is a part of it. It has to be that way in order to successfully traverse the dangerous turns and washboard hills. His red #699 Polaris stands out against the other machines as does his consistent achievements. Winning is Reid's goal, and this budding star has shown he's definitely capable of doing it.

*It was a great
feeling to place
in the top three*

Izac Reid

Fulfilling a dream

By Warren Riley

Romina Sabanzo is a 17-year-old exchange student who hails from Quito, the capital of Ecuador in South America.

For Sabanzo, the landscape in Haliburton County is moderately hilly and serene. Quito, on the other hand, is a metropolis with a population of over 2.5 million. It lies at an altitude of over nine-thousand feet in the Andes Mountains and is flanked to the west by Pichincha, an active volcano.

Spanish is Sabanzo's native tongue but she wishes to augment her lexicon by learning English and French. She attends Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) and wishes to compliment her Grade 12 studies with an additional year of education while in Canada.

"I'm taking Biology, English, French and gym," said Sabanzo. "The majority of people here are really nice with me and I really enjoy that. I love the support [that my] parents in Ecuador have given me. I love helping children and people and that makes me feel good."

Romina had the option of going to the United States but decided on Canada.

"I came to Canada to really learn how to speak French. It's something I really wanted to do. And now [that] I can speak English, I really want to learn French."

Besides playing basketball for HHSS, Sabanzo bowls and helps out with the Rotary Club. In Ecuador, she surfs when the opportunity arises.

She has already decided to enter the medical world, becoming either a

Athletes to watch



Photo by Warren Riley

cardiologist or neurosurgeon. "I'll be going to university and I hope to get a scholarship [but] not in my country," she said. "I will study medicine and if it [a scholarship] is not possible, then I will study in Quito. I don't need the marks but I try to do all that I can in choosing my future. I'm pretty sure now that I want to study medicine."

Her sojourn in Haliburton will last approximately one year before she returns to her homeland in July or August of 2013.

"My sponsor is really good and helps me a lot," she commented.

Sabanzo will return to Quito with memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. Conversely, the people that she touched in Haliburton will forever be a reminder of a lasting bond between two cultures and two different worlds.

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Highlander sports

Training skaters to glide

By Warren Riley

Usually the best of anything comes by word of mouth, but not in this case.

Let it be known that the Minden Figure Skating Club (MFSC) has been in the community for over 40 years. The club provides opportunities for any boy or girl to develop fundamental figure skating skills in the areas of ice dance, skating skills, free skate and interpretive skating.

The MFSC program also teaches figure skating skills in a group and/or private lesson format in a progressive and sequential manner and includes specifically designed awards and incentives.

According to club president Sue Collings, the MFSC allows skaters to compete in a two-day Inter-Club competition each year.

"There are 17 clubs in the area that are included in the competition," she said. "This season [2012-2013], the competition will be held in Millbrook this coming March and currently we are in the planning stages."

"Minden held it last year with 13 out of the 17 clubs attending. It was an awesome competition. Our scheme is also to participate throughout our region including Muskoka, Port Carling and Beaverton. Wherever there is a competition that we have skater at a level, they can register to attend it."

Collings differentiated between club events the MFSC participates in.

"The 'Inter-Club' is for the whole [figure skating club] to attend where there are various events and the club will put skaters into particular level events. These events range in age from toddler to senior skaters. CanSkate is the lowest for toddlers all the way up to the StarSkate for intermediate and senior skaters."

Having been involved with the club's executive for six years, this is Collings' first year as president.

"There are eight of us on the executive and it's a great club," she continued. "We have a wonderful group that are all volunteers doing it on their own time. Mainly because our kids skate, we want to help the clubs skaters' progress."

The Figure Skating club will have a carnival on March 24, 2013 at the S.G. Nesbit Memorial arena.

"Our kids from January on will be working on their carnival repertoire which will be put to music. There will be different groups and different levels of skaters. This year our



Photo by Warren Riley
Jessica Byers performing Shoot the Duck.

theme will be just dance. We just want to show the parents and everybody that comes out exactly what the kids have learned."

Quite noticeable was the lack of male skaters involved with the club. With three professional coaches assisting with a skater's development, the opportunity to become a professional dancer is there.

A dance routine requires both a boy and a girl to perform and the club usually has to pay for a male to complete the team. Collings would like to see more boys join the club.

The Figure Skating Club boasts over 60 skaters. Skating takes place three times per week in Minden and information can be obtained by calling Sue Collings at 705-286-3067.

Storm Novice drop one to Huntsville

Submitted by Trish Phippen

On Nov. 24 the Highland Storm Novice hosted the Huntsville Otters.

The Storm worked hard, keeping Huntsville back for the first period. Damon Harriss made one amazing save after another. Huntsville put one on the board in the second. The

Storm went into the third period down a goal.

Huntsville scored another, but Nick Phippen made it 2-1 after scoring on a penalty shot. Harriss continued to stand on his head, however Huntsville came back with two unanswered goals with less than a minute to go to make a final score of 4-1.

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Friends are invited to join the family at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 (downstairs) in Haliburton on Saturday, December 1, 2012 beginning at 12:00 o'clock noon for a time of reflection and sharing memories of James. Cremation has taken place.

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DECEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Haliburton Legion, 1 p.m.	Cribbage - (every Friday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941. Christmas Luncheon – Our Lady of Fatima Church, Minden @ 11 a.m. Adults \$5.00, preschoolers free.	Annual Cookie Walk – Haliburton United Church, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Please bring your own containers. Christmas Craft Sale – Lloyd Watson Centre (Wilberforce), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Country Music Jamboree – S.G. Nesbitt Arena from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Joint Service and Communion Celebration for Haliburton, Ingoldsby and Lochlin United Churches - Lochlin United Church, 10:00 a.m.
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Contract Bridge - (every Monday) Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941 Highlands Little Theatre AGM – Dysart Library, 7:30 p.m.	100.9 CanoeFM Bingo - (every Tuesday) @ 6 p.m., 705-457-1009 Wii Bowling (every Tuesday) - Community Care @ 9:00 a.m., 705-457-2941		The Rose Campaign, working to end violence against women – St. Paul's Anglican Church, 11:00 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.
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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
Mini-Buck Euchre – Bobcaygeon Senior Citizens Center, 7:00 p.m.	Friends of the Library Christmas Sale – Minden Branch, 10: a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Sunday School Children's Service – Haliburton United Church, 11:15 a.m.	Shout Sister Choir is looking for new members. Practices are Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Haliburton United Church www.shoutsisterchoir.ca
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TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	TOY and GIFT DRIVE for YWCA - November 10 to December 10, 2012 - Unwrapped toys and gifts for the women and children. You can drop off gifts at any participating LCBO.	FRIDAY
	Community Drum Circle - (every Wednesday) - Rail End Gallery @ 6:30 p.m., 705-457-2330	Cribbage - (every Friday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941	
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WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?			
Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571): Bill Euchre, every Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. Bingo, every Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.	Fish & Chips, every Friday 5:00-7:00 p.m. Darts, every Friday, 7:30 p.m. NFL on the big screen, every Sunday (food available), 12:00 p.m.	The Annual Wildlife Dinner will be held Saturday, December 1st from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Legion now. Please consider purchasing your tickets early as this is a well attended event and you will want to ensure to have a place at the table. As always there will be a variety of wildlife for you to sample as well as turkey for those inclined to be on the "Wild Side". Tickets are \$15.00 per person	
Minden Branch (705-286-4541): Lunch menu, every Monday to Friday from noon – 2:00 p.m. Bill Euchre, every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. Meat Draw, every Wednesday, lunchtime Ladies Darts, every Thursday, 1:00 p.m. Euchre, every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Radio Club, every Friday, 10:00 a.m.	Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) Pool, every Friday, 1:30 p.m. Jam Session, every Friday, 7:00 p.m. Meat Draw, every Saturday, 2:00 p.m. Bill Euchre, Monday, 7:00 p.m. Darts, every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.		

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Highlander events



Jingle those bells

By Matthew Desrosiers

A little cold never scared anyone off on parade day. In fact, it just makes the hot chocolate taste that much better.

Hundreds of people gathered on Minden's main drag for the Santa Claus parade on Nov. 24.

With 35 floats, including a visit from the big man himself, the parade did not disappoint.

Led by the Ontario Provincial Police and Minden Hills fire department, the floats passed by one by one to the delight of children, eagerly scooping up candy from generous parade walkers.

Even MP Barry Devolin and MPP Laurie Scott found time to walk in the parade and pass along their Christmas greetings.

Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Top left: Midget Gvirls Highland Storm players hand out candy to eager kids at the parade. Top right: Karin Koch and her little reindeer Heidi. Right: Santa comes to town.

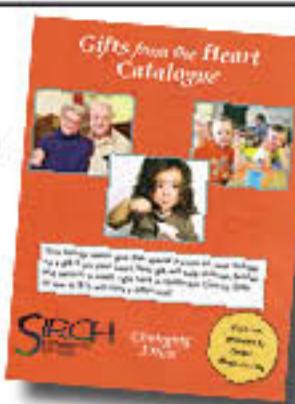


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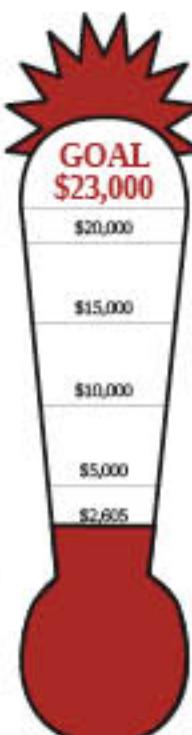
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Santa arrives with snow

By Mark Arke

The theme was Caribbean but the weather was far from tropical.

On Nov. 23, the snow was coming down just in time for Haliburton's annual Santa Clause parade.

The parade, which ran along York Street and Highland Street, had 44 entries comprised of floats, several bands and

marchers. Santa, his sleigh and reindeer were in attendance.

Members of the Haliburton Lions Club collected \$600 in cash from spectators and many food items, all of which will be donated to the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank.

While the Lions Club organized the parade, funding was provided by the Haliburton Village BIA.

A winter warm-up spaghetti dinner was held at the Haliburton Legion after the parade.



Photos by Mark Arke

Top left: Barb Cameron and Scotty Morrison share a toast aboard Canoe FM's float. Top right: Jordyn Nicholls, 9, sits on one of Haliburton RPM's sleds. Above: Santa waves to the crowd as he rides in his sleigh.

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Photo by Matthew Deerosiers

Haliburton BIA administrative support Rosemarie Jung reads Christmas stories to eager children at the Rail's End Gallery on Nov. 24. The kids were waiting to have their picture taken with Santa Claus.



Bowl-a-thon raises money for Community Care

By Warren Riley

Community Care Haliburton County held its Christmas Bowl-A-Thon on Nov. 24 raising additional funds to help better their services.

Part of the festive proceedings was a contest for the tackiest Christmas sweater.

Friends and co-workers attended, as did two special guests.

Federal MP Barry Devolin arrived with daughter Molly in hand and showed his five-pin bowling skills.

"It's not political," said Devolin. "Usually public officials go to different parades throughout the community and it's joining in the festivities with public appearances that are important."

Santa Claus magically appeared and with his bellowing 'Ho-Ho-Ho' handed out goodies and treats to everyone.

Community Care Haliburton County raised \$3,000 at the event.

Photo by Warren Riley

MP Barry Devolin throws a ball at Community Care's bowl-a-thon on Nov. 24.

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